thunders bend, ſpoke with how many fould and ſtrong a bond the child was bound to the father; ſir, in a fine, ſeeing how lothly oppoſite I ſtood to his vnnaturall purpoſe, with fell motion with his prepared ſword, he charges home my vnprouided body, launcht mine arme; but when he ſaw my beſt alarumd ſpirits bold in the quarrels right, rouzd to the encounter, or whether gaſted by the noiſe I made, but ſodainly he fled.

Gloſt. Let him flie farre, not in this Land ſhall he remaine vncaught and found; diſpatch, the Noble Duke my maſter, my worthy Arch and Patron comes to night, by his authority I will proclaime it, that he which findes him ſhall deſerue our thankes, bringing the murderous caytiffe to the ſtake, he that conceales him, death.

Baſt. When I diſſwaded him from his intent, and found him pight to do it, with curſt ſpeech I threatned to diſcouer him; he replied, Thou vnpoſſeſſing baſtard, doſt thou thinke, if I would ſtand againſt thee, could the repoſure of any truſt, vertue, or worth in thee make thy words faith'd? no: what I ſhould deny, as this I would, I, thogh thou didſt produce my very character, ide turne it all to thy ſuggeſtion, plot, and damned pretence, and thou muſt make a dullard of the world, if they not thought the profits of my death were very pregnant and potentiall ſpurres to make thee ſeeke it.

Gloſt. Strong and faſtened villaine, would he deny his letter? I neuer got him: harke, the Dukes trumpets, I know not why he comes; all Ports ile barre, the villaine ſhall not ſcape, the Duke muſt grant me that: beſides, his picture I wil ſend far and neere, that all the kingdome may haue note of him, and of my land, (loyall and naturall boy) ile worke the meanes to make thee capable.

Enter the Duke of Cornwall.

Corn. How now my noble friend, ſince I came hether, which I can call but now, I haue heard ſtrange newes.

Reg. If it be true, all vengeance comes too ſhort which can purſue the offender; how doſt my Lord?

Gloſt. Madam, my old heart is crakt, is crakt.

Reg. What, did my fathers godſon ſeeke your life? he whom my

my father named your *Edga*

Gloſt. I Lady, Lady, ſham

Reg. Was he not compa

tends vpon my father?

Gloſt. I know not Madam,

Baſt. Yes madam, he was.

Reg. No maruaile then th

Tis they haue put him on th

To haue theſe——and wa

I haue this preſent euening

Beene well inform'd of ther

That if they come to ſoiour

Duke. Nor I, aſſure thee *R*

ſhewne your father a child-

Baſt. T was my duty ſir.

Gloſt. He did betray his

This hurt you ſee, ſtriuing

Duke. Is he purſued?

Gloſt. I my good Lord.

Duke. If he be taken,

harme, make your owne pu

for you *Edmund*, whoſe v

ſo much commend it ſelfe,

truſt, we ſhall much need,

Baſt. I ſhall ſerue you tr

Gloſt. For him I thanke

Duke. You know not w

Regan. Thus out of ſeaſ

Occaſions noble *Gloceſter*

Wherein we muſt haue vſ

Our father he hath writ, ſo

Of defences, which I beſt

To anſwer from our hand,

From hence attend diſpat

Lay comforts to your bo

To our buſineſſe, which c

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